

Application No. 09/919,831

Reply to Office Action of January 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 34-39, 41, 43, and 49-64 are active in this application. The claims have been amended for clarity. Support for Claims 59-64 is found on pages 6 and 7. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants thank Examiner Kerr for the helpful discussion granted to Applicants' undersigned representative on March 23, 2004. During this discussion, the amendments submitted herein were discussed. It was agreed that these amendments would place the Application in a condition for allowance.

The issues raised in the Office Action are addressed below.

The rejection of Claims 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is obviated by the cancellation of these claims. The objection and rejection under § 112, second paragraph of Claims 35, 45 and 48 are addressed by amendment.

A substitute abstract is provided as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing the present case with the Applicants' undersigned representative. During this discussion, the amendments submitted herein were discussed in view of placing the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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